

Installation of Rabbi Angel
Weekend of November 10, 2000
Watch for details.

CSZ 101

New to the congregation? Been around a while and wonder what that melody is exactly or where that prayer came from? Join us this fall for CSZ 101.

CSZ 101 is a series of four evening classes - you can take all four or just come to one. Each evening will cover a different topic and feature different presenters, including Rabbi Camille Shira Angel, other staff and laypeople. We'll review CSZ's history, spend an evening learning key melodies used in CSZ prayer services, review our liturgy, and discuss how we make community at CSZ.

The CSZ series will take place over four Thursdays at 7 pm starting on October 19.

Stay tuned for more information.

5761 Holiday Schedule

Selichot	
Saturday, September 23	7 pm
Annual Cemetery Visit	
Sunday, September 24	10 am
Erev Rosh Hashanah	
Friday, September 29	7:30 pm
Rosh Hashanah/Tashlich	
Saturday, September 30	9:30 am
Second Day Rosh Hashanah	
Sunday, October 1	9:30 am
Kol Nidre	
Sunday, October 8	7:30 pm
Yom Kippur	
Monday, October 9	9:30 am
Sukkot	
Friday & Saturday October 13 & 14	
Simchat Torah	
Friday & Saturday, October 20 & 21	

From the Rabbi's Study



Rabbi Angel

Shana Tova U'Metukah. A good and sweet New Year to you and your loved ones. What a delight it is to usher in this new year, 5761, and to greet you and see the great variety and diversity of our warm congregational family. Karen and I feel incredibly blessed to be part of such an inclusive community where all are welcome. Thank you Sha'ar Zahav and thank You, Holy One, who has kept us alive, sustained us and brought all of us to this place at this time. *Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Ha'Olam, She'hechiyanu, V'kiyamanu, V'higiyana La'zman Hazeh.* These are the traditional words of blessing we recite at every new beginning.

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President's Column

Looking Back As We Begin



David Gellman

At Sha'ar Zahav, we inaugurate this New Year of 5761 with a new beginning that is enriching, enticing and full of hope and promise. We are joined by our new rabbi, Camille Shira Angel, and I invite each of you to share in the excitement by welcoming and getting to know her.

The sense of newness and possibility engendered by Rabbi Angel's arrival, and the strengths she brings to share with us are so pervasive, so tangible in all of Sha'ar Zahav's services, activities, classes and other gatherings this autumn, that one is tempted to overlook, temporarily perhaps, another great strength of our community - the love and dedication of our members which nurtures and supports

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CSZ Simchat Torah Celebration, October 20 at 7 pm

Come dance, sing and welcome the children into the synagogue on Simchat Torah, when the scrolls of the Torah are turned back to the beginning, starting the reading cycle anew. This year we will be consecrating the synagogue's children as part of the Friday evening festivities, which begin at 7 pm. We encourage all Sha'ar Zahav members to celebrate the renewal of Torah and to help welcome our children into the community.

On Saturday, October 21, at 10 am, Rabbi Angel, Leslie Kane and Frank Yellin will be leading a family-oriented service with music, dancing and active participation for all children and families in celebration of Simchat Torah.

Interview with Sharyn Saslafsky *By Lisa Ochs*



As a child in New Haven, Sharyn Saslafsky mastered her negotiating skills while attending the shul her grandfather helped found. "In an Orthodox shul people

would constantly be talking. The window would be open and someone would yell in Yiddish, 'Close the window!' Then someone else would yell, 'Open the window!' My Bubba Leah would say, 'Sharyn, deal with it.' So, as a little girl I was always trying to find the place where everyone could agree. Maybe we could open the window a little, not a lot."

Years later, Sharyn found herself once again negotiating workable solutions and solving problems – this time at our own Sha'ar Zahav, where she has served as the chair of the Public Relations Committee for twenty years. Sharyn recalled one of Sha'ar Zahav's first big stories, the move to Danvers Street. The building campaign's name, "Home of Our Own," was created by her co-chair, Mark Feldman (z"l):

"We had an incredible celebration, carrying the Torahs into our new synagogue on Danvers Street. We had incredible publicity, capped by an outpouring of

community and political support. But just before the celebration I had a call from someone in the synagogue office who said, 'Oops, we had to get a permit to close the street.' I said, 'Well, didn't anyone do this?' He said, 'Sharyn, deal with it!' Needless to say, she did.

Sharyn moved to San Francisco in 1968, right after the assassination of Bobby Kennedy and the Summer of Love. "I had \$200 cash, no friends, no place to stay and no job. I had various offers after college – graduate school, Peace Corps, VISTA – but I had heard about San Francisco and got it in my head that I wanted to be here, so I packed my two suitcases and left the East Coast. I first lived in the Tenderloin in one little room, and then moved to the Castro. It was an exciting time. The world was a very different place in those days. The Castro was very blue-collar, very friendly. Everybody knew everybody else. It was a nice, comfortable place to live."

Politically active since high school, Sharyn has worked for Cesar Chavez, the anti-war movement and numerous other progressive causes. In her early days in San Francisco she was the director of the California Democratic Council, which was a large, left-wing group

of Democrats and progressives. Some of her political fervor, she believes, was inherited. She recalls that when Adlai Stevenson lost the presidential election to Eisenhower, her grandmother sat shivah. "She said, 'In this country, how could the American people vote for a general over an intellectual man like Adlai Stevenson?' She was so angry!"

Although she was raised in an Orthodox shul, Sharyn moved away from synagogue life after her father's death during her early twenties, and it took time for her to make her way to Sha'ar Zahav.

"I was alienated by how women were treated in Judaism. When I went back home and we sat shivah for my father, my uncles would not allow me to participate; they said a woman cannot be in a minyan. I fought that, but I acquiesced in honor of my father's memory. I never forgot it though, and it stabbed a very deep hole in my heart."

"After coming out as a lesbian, the last time I went to a traditional synagogue, some women sitting near me said, 'What's a nice Jewish girl like you doing here by yourself? Do I have a nice Jewish boy for you!' I spent some time researching Sha'ar Zahav and decided that I would check it out."

At the time, Sha'ar Zahav was holding services at the Jewish Community Center. On the first Friday night she attended, Sharyn was approached by (former president) Leila Raim, who knew Sharyn from her political work, and asked her to participate. Although Sharyn protested that she wasn't even sure she was going to become a member, she became involved despite herself.

"It's hard to think I've been doing this for twenty years. When Cheryl Orvis (z"l) asked me to co-chair the Public Relations Committee with Mark Feldman, she and I were in our early thirties, Mark was in his twenties. They were pivotal members of the synagogue and two of my closest friends and I will never forget them."

Sharyn describes the synagogue of the early 1980s:

"It was very, very small. Everyone knew everyone. One of my favorite lines is 'there's only ten of us in the world and

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Let's Get Running Again!

The 10th Annual Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure is Coming!

For the second time Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will sponsor a team of dedicated runners, joggers and walkers for the Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure. The Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation is a volunteer organization devoted to raising and allocating funds for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment. Susan Goodman Koman died at the age of 36 from breast cancer. Her sister, Nancy Goodman Brinker established the Foundation with a few hundred dollars of her own in 1982. Each year one of the Foundation's major fundraisers is the Race for the Cure.



- The Race for the Cure will take place on October 15 at 8:30 am. So, no excuses. You have plenty of time to get in shape and to raise funds.
- Relax! You don't have to be a runner. You can run 5K (a little over three miles). You can run one mile. You can also walk either distance. You can also participate by donating funds to sponsor our team.
- The registration and fund raising packets and a sign-up sheet will be available outside of the oneg room by the time you get this newsletter
- It wouldn't be a CSZ event without plenty of food. So let us know that you'll be there. We want you to be a part of the Sha'ar Zahav team. Call either Dahlia at the synagogue or Laura at 247-2409 and sign up to join our Sha'ar Zahav team.

Pinat Mishpachah

Family Corner

Children's and Family Education Orientation

Saturday, October 14, 10-11 am
(as part of our Sukkot Morning Activities)

Are you new to the synagogue? Are you interested in learning more about how our educational programs work? Do you really like Peet's coffee and bagels? David Shneer, Director of Children's Education, and the Children's Education Board cordially invite all members to come together on Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 am to shmooze and learn about Sha'ar Zahav's educational programs. We will study a text, talk about this year's changes and additions to educational programs, look at our plans for the year, and have open time for people to share their ideas for educational change. We will also incorporate a study about Sukkot to prepare for our Sukkot celebration, which follows this gathering.

For more information about any of these programs, or to RSVP, contact Jeni Markowitz at 575-4962 or familyeducator@shaarzahav.org.

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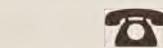
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Sukkot for Children and Families

Wednesday, October 11 at 5:30 pm

Sukkah decorating. Bring your favorite fruit.

Wednesday, October 18 at 5:30 pm

Children's and Family Potluck Dinner in the Sukkah with Rabbi Angel.

Tots & Babies in the Sukkah

Saturday, October 14 at 11:15 am

This month we will be joining Kadmah in the Sukkah. Wave the lulav, smell the etrog, have a little nosh and admire the view! Jeni Markowitz will lead a short Sukkot experience especially for five-and-unders and their families.

Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat is for children ages 2-5, their friends and families. We come together the fourth Saturday of every month at 10:30 am for an age-appropriate service filled with art, storytelling, singing, prayer and movement. Please join us this month on

Saturday, October 28 at 10:30 am

Baby Havurah Celebration

Saturday, October 28 at 9:30am

Join us at our new time for morning stretch Shabbat play. Songs, toys, bubbles, fingerplays and a mini-service puppet show are not to be missed by the 24-month-and-under set.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Catered Dinner and Service with Rabbi Angel and Jeni Markowitz

Shabbat! Shira (singing)! Stories! Tefilah (prayer)! Kehillah (community)! Rabbi Angel and Jeni Markowitz invite you to a catered affair. All families are welcome.

Friday, October 27 at 6 pm

Sliding scale:

adults \$6-10 for members,
\$8-12 for non-members
children \$3-5 for members,
\$4-6 for non-members

Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Jeni Markowitz by Friday, October 20.

Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat!

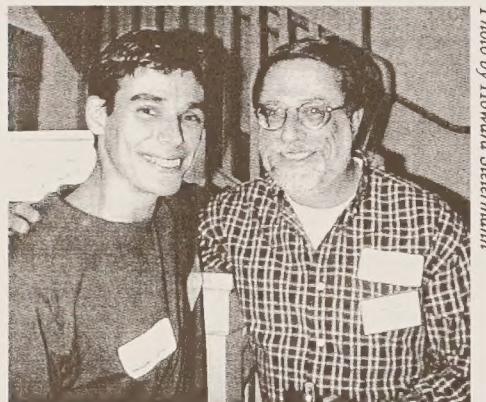
Sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat following services is a lovely way to commemorate a special occasion. Onegs can be sponsored in honor of a simcha, as a tribute to the memory of a loved one, or "just because." The cost is \$80-\$120 and we have a number of available dates in the coming months. Please call the CSZ office if you would like to inquire about sponsoring an oneg Shabbat on a specific date or would like more information.

Raising the Roof at the Open House

Over 150 prospective and current members of Sha'ar Zahav gathered on Saturday night, August 26, for schmoozing, eating, drinking, Havdalah, singing and dancing. The evening started off with a creative, acrostic icebreaker, created by Tony Harris. Rabbi Angel then led the group in a beautiful Havdalah service. The crowd sang to the tunes of Marsha Attie, Karen Segal and Trudy Fulton-Smith and danced with Shirley Burr.

Atherton Wine Imports donated the wine.

Many volunteers worked to produce this fabulous event. Many thanks to the following people for taking the time and effort to make the event one that was warm and welcoming to all.



David Shneer and Paul Cohen.

James Carlson, Prudence Carter, Michael Chertok, Mark Gershman, Trudi Hauptman, Leslie Kane, Eileen Levy, Laura Lowe, Gail Ludwig, Rachel MacLachlan, Amy Scharf, Jeff Sherman, Howard Steiermann and Ami Zusman all worked the phones, extending personal invitations to our guests.

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Adult Jewish Education - Fall 2000

Scenes, Sagas and Seductions from our Sacred Texts

Dates: Tuesdays, November 14 - December 12
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Cost: Members - Free
Non-Members - \$10 class / \$40 for 5 sessions

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

From the Torah to the Talmud to the trials of today, the stories of our tradition are not only engaging but hold many pearls of wisdom. This course examines stories and narratives surrounding human relationships and family conflict, so that we may glean from them insights for our own lives.

11/14 The Beginnings of Desire: An Exploration into the Roots and Mysteries of the Special Bonds that Unite People, from the Garden Until Today.

11/21 Parenting in Ancient and Modern Times

11/28 Twins, Sisters and Stepsons: Tensions Running High - the Sagas of Siblings

12/5 Get Yourself a Teacher, Make Yourself a Friend - the Dynamics of Student/Teacher Relationships

12/12 "Where You Go, I Will Go" - the Powerful Bonds Between Friends

Torah Cantillation

Location: Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
Date: Sundays, October 29 - December 24
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Cost: Members \$100 Non-Members \$125

Kenny Altman a teacher and tutor of Torah trope and other adult education classes throughout the Bay Area

Ever dream of becoming a *ba'al kriyah*? Torah trope classes taught by Kenny Altman will be offered at the synagogue this fall. This nine-session series has been a favorite in past years throughout the Bay Area and is a great opportunity for anyone to learn to chant Torah, including Adult B'nei Mitzvah candidates, anyone involved in ritual or simply folks who have a passion for trope. The only prerequisite for this class is a knowledge of beginning level Hebrew; if you can sound out the words on your own, you can learn to chant Torah. In order to enroll in this class you must sign up by contacting Dahlia Gross, program director at 575-4961 or cszdahlia@yahoo.com. [Limited scholarships have been made available for those in need, for this class only.]

Introduction To Judaism

Location: Temple Emanu-El,
Date: Thursdays, October 5 - January 18, 2001
Time: 7:00 - 8:45 pm

Location: Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
Date: Thursdays, February 1, 2001 - May 10, 2001
Time: 7:00-8:45 pm
Cost: CSZ & other Reform synagogue members \$120
Non-Members \$185

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

Introduction to Judaism is a course of instruction for couples and individuals in the basic principles and practices of Judaism. It is designed to provide an entry

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point for people of all backgrounds to participate more fully in Jewish life. The course introduces students to the major holidays and events in the Jewish life cycle. Among the topics covered are: belief in God, ethics, Jewish life cycle events, the Jewish year, Israel and Zionism, anti-Semitism, the Messiah, marriage and family, worship. For more information or for a registration packet please call CSZ Program Director Dahlia Gross at 575-4961 or cszdahlia@yahoo.com

Understanding Jewish History: Making Ancient History Come Alive

Location: Congregation Beth Sholom, 1301 Clement St. at 14th Avenue
Dates: A six-session series meeting the third Monday of every month
Beginning October 23, 7:30 to 9:00 pm - through March 19, 2001
Cost: Members of CSZ, Beth Sholom or AJC- \$70;
Public- \$90

David Shneer, Ph.D. candidate in Jewish and European History and CSZ's Director of Children's Education

This class brings history alive by combining stimulating discussions with the reading of primary texts. We will examine the early history of the Jewish people, with an eye towards asking, "What does this mean for me?" Creation, Monarchy, Prophecy, Exile and Destruction are a few of the major themes we will cover. Explore the foundations of Jewish life and learn with a dynamic educator. To enroll contact Steven Rothman at the American Jewish Committee (777-3820) sanfrancisco@ajc.org or Dahlia Gross at (575-4961) cszdahlia@yahoo.com

Yom Kippur Workshops

Adult Education will sponsor several workshops, including Torah Study and Jewish Meditation, between morning and afternoon Yom Kippur services. Room assignments and directions will be made available in the Herbst Theater lobby.

Come Celebrate in the CSZ Sukkah

Sukkot is referred to as Zeman Simhatenu-The Season of our joy, when people go to extra lengths to make the environment and ritual aspects of the festival beautiful and joyous.

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On Sukkot we gather in our Sukkah booth to remember the impermanent structures that housed our ancestors during their desert journey. Sukkot also celebrates the final gathering of the harvest.

Please join Congregation Sha'ar Zahav this year in making this season beautiful.

At Congregation Sha'ar Zahav we strive to create an inclusive and welcoming environment. This year's Sukkot programs mirror this ethic. In addition to a Friday night potluck dinner, building party and children's and family programming, we will again extend an invitation to our Mission Dolores neighborhood and invite the Children's Day School to bring flowers to decorate the walls and the Jewish Russian immigrants of Notre Dame to recite the brachot and join in a meal. Below is a schedule of activities; more information will be provided in a separate mailing:

- 10/10 - Sukkah building party! Grab your hammer and drill, we'll provide the pizza and snacks.
- 10/11 - Kadimah begins decorating the CSZ Sukkah
- 10/13 - Erev Sukkot, Join Rabbi Angel and the CSZ community in a Shabbat Potluck in the Sukkah
- 10/14 - Saturday morning services followed by tots, babies, Kadimah, their family, friends and community in the Sukkah
- 10/18 - Kadimah family Sukkot potluck with Rabbi Angel

October-Tishrei/Cheshvan

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
1	Rosh Hashanah 2 Tishrei	2	3 Tishrei	3	4 Tishrei
• 9:30 am - Rosh Hashanah services at CSZ		• 2-3 pm - Healing Service with Bay Area Jewish Healing Center • 7 pm - Newsletter Layout			• 4 pm - Ka He
8	Erev Yom Kippur 9 Tishrei	9	Yom Kippur 10 Tishrei	10	11 Tishrei
• 7:30 pm - Kol Nidre services at Herbst Theater		• 9:30 am - Yom Kippur services at Herbst Theater		• 4 pm - Sukkah Building	• 4 pm - Kad • 5:30 pm - Suka
15	Sukkot 16 Tishrei	16	17 Tishrei	17	18 Tishrei
Susan B. Koman Race for the Cure		• 6:30 pm - Va'ad Meeting • 7 pm - Membership Committee			• 4 pm - Kad • 5:30 pm - Kad Din
22	23 Tishrei	23	24 Tishrei	24	25 Tishrei
		• 7:30 pm - Understanding Jewish History at Congregation Beth Sholom			• 4 pm - Kad
29	30 Tishrei	30	1 Cheshvan	31	2 Cheshvan
• 7-8:30 pm - Torah Cantillation Class		• 6:30 pm - Children's Education Board			• 4 pm - Kad

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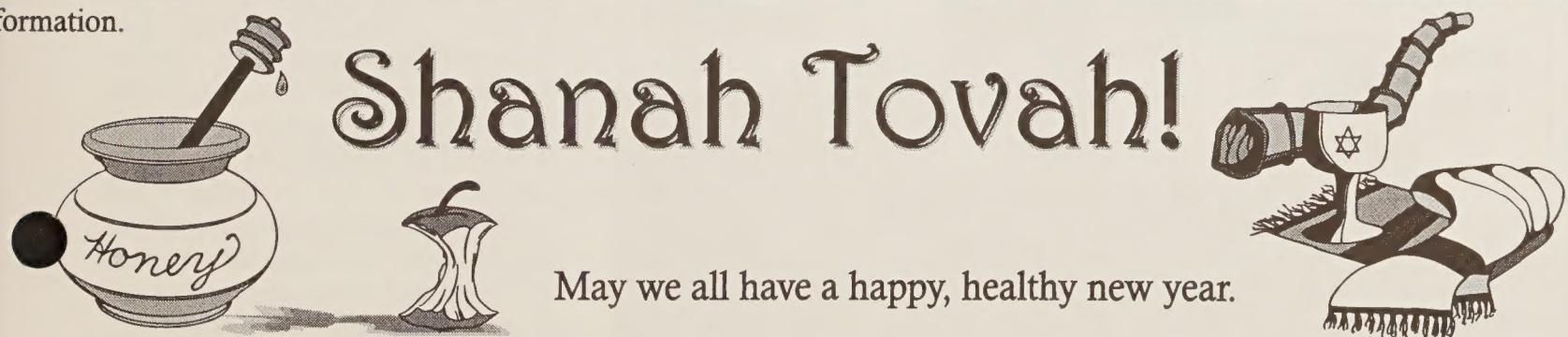
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		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SHABBAT	
5 Tishrei	5		6 Tishrei	6		7 Tishrei	7 Shabbat Ha'azinu 8 Tishrei
Midweek Hebrew		• 7 pm - UAHC Introduction to Judaism class begins		• 6:10 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by <i>Rabbi Angel, Daniel Chesir and Shmulik Fishman</i>			• 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by <i>Paul Cohen and Sara Shor</i> • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah
12 Tishrei	12		13 Tishrei	13 Erev Sukkot	14 Tishrei	14 Sukkot 15 Tishrei	
Midweek Hebrew Decorating				• 6:02 pm - Candle Lighting • 6:30 pm - Shabbat Potluck in the Sukkah with <i>Rabbi Angel</i> • 8:15 pm - Erev Sukkot/Shabbat Services led by <i>Eileen Levy, Howard Steiermann and Shmulik Fishman</i>			• 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by <i>Ora Prochovnick and Aaron Nacamulli</i> • 10-11:15 am - Children and Family Education Orientation • 11:15 am - Children and Family Sukkot Celebration • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah • 3 pm - Singing Havurah
19 Tishrei	19		20 Tishrei	20 Erev Simchat Torah	21 Tishrei	21 Simchat Torah 22 Tishrei	
Midweek Hebrew Family Sukkot with Rabbi Angel		• 7 pm - CSZ 101		• 5:52 pm - Candle Lighting • 7 pm - Simchat Torah, Children's Consecration and Shabbat Services led by <i>Alan Gordon, Ruthy Talansky and Sara Shor</i>			• 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah Simchat Torah celebration • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by <i>Rabbi Angel, Frank Yellin and Leslie Kane</i> • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah
26 Tishrei	26		27 Tishrei	27	28 Tishrei	28 Shabbat Bereshit 29 Tishrei	
Midweek Hebrew		• 7 pm - CSZ 101 • 6:30 pm - Ritual Committee		• 5:45 pm - Candle Lighting • 6 pm - Family Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner and Services • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by <i>Rabbi Angel, Tiela Chalmers and Jackie Mauro</i>			• 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Baby Group • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by <i>Sarita Groisser</i> • 10:30 am - Tot Shabbat • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah
3 Cheshvan	2		4 Cheshvan	3	5 Cheshvan	4 Shabbat Noach 6 Cheshvan	
Midweek Hebrew		• 7 pm - CSZ 101		• 4:40 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services Naming of <i>Jared Adam Zimmerman</i>			• 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah • 10 am - Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah of <i>Aaron Nacamulli</i> • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Havurah • 7:30 pm - Memorial Service for <i>Yitzhak Rabin</i>

information.

Shanah Tovah!

May we all have a happy, healthy new year.



Yom Kippur - Balancing Parent and Ruler *by Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee*

How many modern Jews feel natural addressing God as "Avinu Malkeinu?" The metaphor of divine Parent /Ruler is part of our tradition. But can it also be part of our religion? For an answer, we can turn from the prayer itself to the Torah.

Altering the prayer's gender, adding "Our Mother, our Queen" to "Our Father, our King," doesn't change the basic problem: What are the qualities we are searching for and in whom are they found? Do the images of parent and ruler bring us closer to or farther from the divine presence, and closer to or farther from repentance?

Some of us may be comfortable imagining God as either a loving or rejecting parent. Those to whom God is Process rather than Person may still find resonance in the metaphor of a departed, or distant parent, influencing us only through memory, feeling and conscience. But what can we possibly say to a king or queen?

American citizens don't experience royalty as power. For us, kings are figures in fairy tales. But for subjects of real monarchs, one individual, who can't be voted into or out of office, makes decisions about war, peace, public works, taxes - every part of national life. In a monarchy, the difference between a good king and a bad king is very often the difference between life and death.

We have no close equivalent. Yet each year we repeat the prayer, without which it wouldn't feel like Yom Kippur, "Avinu, Malkeinu, we have sin-

ned before you." The prayer evokes the royal title to heighten feelings of awe and a consciousness of life hanging in the balance, dependent on our self-evaluations and self-improvements. It evokes the image of family to help us draw emotionally close to the divine, to appreciate the ever-present possibility of reconciliation and renewal. The prayer encourages us to reach intellectually, emotionally and spiritually in all directions, inward and outward, towards judgement and lovingkindness. Success, between people or between ourselves and God, depends on finding the balance.

Both aspects of the divine are ever-present. In the far-more-slippery human realm, there have been very few Jews during our long history who were able to say, literally, "Our father, our king," to another human being. In their stories, which the Torah preserves, the balance of the two roles is tragically elusive, partly because no one takes the initiative in seeking it.

The Torah tells of King David's children, Amnon, Tamar and Absalom. Amnon raped his half-sister Tamar and was in turn killed by Absalom.

King David, strongly passionate in nature, naturally reacted emotionally to his daughter's rape, his son's murder and the guilt of his sons in both acts. He acted only as ruler, in a prudent, public and political manner. He exiled Absalom, as punishment for killing his brother. This kept the favorite son, also an ambitious successor, alive but at a safe distance.

Absalom eventually gathered supporters, declared war on his father, and tried to take over the kingdom. After bloodily dividing the country, he died in battle, ending the civil war but breaking King David's heart. Only then, when it was too late, did David act as a father, mourning his son rather than rejoicing with his troops at their victory.

Clearly, King David, being only mortal, could not act equally effectively as parent and as ruler. As king, David might have been able to carry out justice, but also as king he excited his sons' envy and sense of rebellion. As father, he cared for them too much to discipline their rebelliousness, yet he failed to protect his daughter or to cultivate his sons' loyalty. Ironically, his ineffectiveness as a parent kept him from taking the proper steps as a ruler to secure peace and justice. Lacking insight into his passions, he let them rule him. Failing to seek out and balance the qualities of both ruler and parent in himself, he failed as both.

David's status as king estranged his children from him as many of us are estranged from God by the metaphor of the divine King. Yet if anything could have saved the family and the nation, it would have been the action of both ruler and of parent, of power and of caring.

Perhaps it would have made no difference: King David, after all, was not God. But we can never know. In this episode of our nation's ancient history, no one risked seeking the balance between parent and ruler.

The stories of David and his children are closed. It is up to us, on Yom Kippur and every other day, in approaching God, ourselves, and each other, to attempt to do what they neglected. Whether or not the metaphors of Ruler and Parent work for us, whether we conceive of the divine as Person or Process, as internal or external, as authority or as influence, it is up to each of us to risk reaching in all directions, for both power and caring. This act alone can bring the metaphor of Parent and Ruler alive in our religion and our lives.

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Major Chagall Exhibition

at Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel,
September 15- October 30



In an unprecedented exhibition on the West Coast, a major new collection of artwork by the 20th century master, Marc Chagall (1887-1985) will be on display at Congregation Beth Israel in Carmel, CA, September 15 through October 30. The exhibition will benefit the synagogue, which will receive a portion of the proceeds from the sales of the artwork.

The collection includes 40 limited edition serigraphs and stone-plate lithographs, limited to editions 750 and 950. None of the images has been previously produced as limited edition prints, although images of the paintings appear in numerous international art books.

The exhibition also includes an important collection of limited edition Judaica, including the Chagall Mezuzzot, candlesticks plated in 24k gold and Kiddush cups in solid sterling silver.

Congregation Beth Israel is located at 5716 Carmel Valley Road in Carmel. The exhibition is free of charge and open to the public Monday - Friday, 9 am-5 pm, or by special appointment for groups. For further information, please call Roni Rubenstein at 831/626-6281.

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President's Column

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Sha'ar Zahav. We have a spirit of volunteerism at Sha'ar Zahav that has sustained us for 23 years as a vibrant and caring congregation.

No one typifies this volunteer spirit more than our own Sharyn Saslafsky. For twenty years - yes, you read that right, *twenty* years - Sharyn has served as Sha'ar Zahav's Public Relations Committee chair, a committee of one arranging interviews, preparing press releases, managing the media, keeping us in the public eye, and giving counsel to CSZ's rabbis, presidents, administrators, committee chairs, teachers and members. As she passes on the torch to her successor, Marc Wernick, it is uniquely appropriate for me to use this issue of the *Forward*, the mostly widely read issue of our year, to publicize our thanks to Sharyn for her dedication and love, and for a job well and truly done.

Sharyn Saslafsky's contribution to Sha'ar Zahav has been extraordinary, and we are blessed with many members like Sharyn who give of themselves again and again, enriching our community, never asking for thanks. People like Jeff Rubin, running our gift shop for thirteen years; people like Walter Leiss, underwriting the onegs and break fasts for the High Holidays longer than anyone can remember; people like Phyllis Mintzer, teaching our children from the very beginning. We are, each of us, deeply indebted to our members who give so much more than we have any right to ask or expect, and who do so simply out of love for, and pride in, our congregation.

And so I thank Sharyn, Jeff, Walter, Phyllis and each of you who have given, or will this year give, your support to Sha'ar Zahav. Sharing your time, talent and resources is never easy. The rewards are internal and deeply personal, but they are very real. Ask Sharyn; she'll tell you all about it!

May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a full year of peace and happiness, of family and friends, and of opportunities to make your contribution to our Jewish community in your own way, in your own time, but soon and with the generosity of spirit that is the very best part of being a member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

L'Shana Tova.

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Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Committee Chairs:

Adult Education, Ron Edelman
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Archives, open

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Bequests and Donations,
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Sharyn's Interview

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it's all done with smoke and mirrors.' You really felt that way at Sha'ar Zahav. I always felt this was a place where I belonged. There were difficult times, there were painful times with growth, with illness, with death. But I always felt that I was part of an evolving organization and a synagogue that makes me proud."

Over the past twenty years, Sharyn has seen changes in how Sha'ar Zahav is viewed by the broader Jewish and GLBTQ communities:

"One of our first ads mentioned 'Special outreach to the gay and lesbian community.' I brought the ad to the *Jewish Bulletin*. They looked at it and dropped it like it was a hot potato. They weren't going to run the ad. Now, years later, I had to call the *Bulletin* to say, 'Folks, you have been running one wonderful story after another, six weeks in a row, and I've completely run out of ideas.' We have come to be recognized as a vital synagogue—a synagogue with a home, a rabbi and a very talented lay leadership."

As chair of Public Relations, Sharyn has strived to keep her own profile low even as she publicizes Sha'ar Zahav:

"If a publicist is good, people won't know who she is. So what I tried to do was always have appropriate people talk to the press. If it was a rabbinical question I would have the rabbi talk to the press; if it was a policy issue I would go to the president. As the Public Relations Chair, I've always been very protective of our children's privacy and also of the sanctity of our worship, for example, ensur-

ing that flashbulbs don't go off during services. In my mind, first and foremost, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is our spiritual home."

Sharyn speaks often of the many people who made her job easier. She has enjoyed working closely with our rabbis, presidents, committees and our excellent office staff. It would have been impossible to do her job, she says, without the tremendous help she has received from the synagogue community.

Sharyn has a vision for the future of the Public Relations committee, which Marc Wernick now co-chairs with Sharyn while he learns the ropes. "We're ready to move into another arena, from web pages to e-mail—media tools that didn't exist ten or twenty years ago. What I envision is spending time with Marc building a committee structure and then I'm going to step down and let Marc and others take over. I did not want to leave precipitously after so many years.

"This is a very exciting time at Sha'ar Zahav. We have our new building on Dolores Street, our new rabbi, Camille Shira Angel and many new members of all ages. One of the greatest accomplishments I see within Sha'ar Zahav is the continued active participation of long-time members, engaged with people who are just discovering the congregation. I'm gratified to see the synagogue continuing to grow and change. I am a fortunate person to have been intimately involved with Sha'ar Zahav."

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav thanks Sharyn for her vision, dedication, hard work and her many years of cheerfully "dealing with it!"

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Trip to Israel!

Application forms for the previously announced trip to Israel on April 18 - 29, 2001, are now available. If you would like a form, please contact Ron Lezell at rlezell@aol.com or 626-5748. Deposits are fully refundable through March 18, 2001. Trip details can be found in the July/August 2000 issue of the *Forward*.

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The Torah starts with the words, "In the beginning." Knowing that there is a beginning is in itself a very important message and teaching. Wherever we are in life, we can begin anew. No matter how spiritually connected or disconnected we may feel, we can always grow. These Days of Awe, the *yamim noraim*, are critical times in the Jewish year for self-examination and commitment to growth and change of habits.

In Judaism, the essential statement of faith is that we are capable of change. God calls upon us, symbolically, through this season but actually at all times, to be the best human beings, morally and spiritually, that we can be. This demands of us a constant openness to change and growth. Admitting that we've done wrong, resolving to change comfortable habits - these options are not easy, but they are available to us if we choose them.

Starting a full month before Rosh Hashanah, we Jews are expected to begin a process of introspection and the taking of a spiritual inventory. We are meant to remind ourselves that our behavior does make a difference, that

we are capable of change, and that we do have an important measure of control over our lives.

Rosh Hashanah, literally "the head of the year," is also the Day of Judgment, the Day of Remembrance. Though not formally named as such, it is also the day of rebirth, the time of renewal. It is an awesome and auspicious time to return to our core truths and to clarify our sincerest intentions, as well as to join with others in pursuit of social change and justice. What better time than now to begin anew and further deepen our relationships with this amazing community, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

Towards this essential and sacred task, please know that I am here to support you and share the wisdom from our treasured tradition.

May God give us the courage to grow and to change, to help us be more compassionate with ourselves and one another as we endeavor to make our lives a blessing. May we be written in the Book of Life for a full and meaningful year.

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

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Our popular "Why is this new member different from all others?" columnist is taking a well-deserved break this month. Watch for his newest interview next issue.

Condolences

Rick Crane on the death of his aunt, Rose Rudman

G'dali Braverman on the death of his father, Mike Braverman

Greg Eichler hit the pavement to distribute flyers in the Castro. Sharyn Saslafsky secured some top notch PR.



Eileen Levy, Jim Frazin, Jonah Levy

Before the event, Allan Berenstein, Greg Eichler, Ron Edelman and Andy Fyne helped with the set-up. Staff member Chemista Jacobs was tireless in his assistance with set-up. A special thank-you to Jeanette Nichols for organizing the chaos at the check-in. Allan Berenstein, Richard Brand, Mike Bromberg, Diana Buchbinder, Paul Cohen, Ron Edelman, Stephan Howard, Jim Frazin, David Gellman, Joan Goldman, Geri Kahn, Lisa Katz, Eileen Levy, Johanna Quashnoffsky, Lisa Ochs, Ken Repp, Howard Steiermann, Louisa Stone, Jacob Rothman, Rob Tat, Darah Wallstein and Lonnie Weiss were official ambassadors of good will: making people feel welcome was a big job.



Toni Harni, Lea Salem, Marc Wernich

A special thank you to Marianne Balin, Sara Haber, Joe Hample and Tony Harris for acting as leaders of the ad hoc committee.

Much gratitude to the entire CSZ staff for their many hours of hard work on this event.

And finally, thanks to the new members and all the current members for the energy that made the evening one of Sha'ar Zahav's best social events.

New to CSZ? Haven't been in a synagogue in a while? Exploring Judaism? Whatever the reason, you may be unfamiliar with Hebrew terms commonly used at CSZ

עליה (*aliyah*) - to go up;
1) as in being invited to recite the blessings before and after the Torah is read;
2) or when one moves to Israel

עמידה (*amidah*) - silent standing prayer

אוייף רוף (*auf ruf*) - ceremony held for a couple prior to marriage (Yiddish)

ביקור חולים (*bikkur cholim*) - visiting the ill

בימה (*bimah*) - stage; the raised platform from which ritual leaders conduct services

בני מצווה (*b'nai mitzvah*) - collective noun for bar (son) and bat (daughter) mitzvah (commandment)

דבר תורה (*devar torah*) - words of Torah; commentary on the weekly Torah portion

דור ראשון (*dor rishon*) - first generation; social group for CSZ men over 40

ערב (*erev*) - evening

גמилות חסדים (*gemilut chasidim*) - acts of loving kindness

הבדלה (*bavdalah*) - ritual performed Saturday night after three stars appear in the sky marking the end of Shabbat and welcoming the new week

and many other synagogues and Jewish institutions. We thus offer the following list as a guide. (Please let us know if you'd like us to add any words.)

קבלה שבת (*kabbalat shabbat*) - receiving or welcoming the Sabbath

קדיש (*kaddish*) - prayer recited in memory of someone who has died

קדימה (*kadimah*) - forward; CSZ religious school

קידוש (*kiddush*) - blessing over wine

כיפה (*kippah*) - head covering; yarmulke

לעתיד (*la'atid*) - toward the future; CSZ group for young and young at heart

מעריב (*ma'ariv*) - evening service

מחזור (*machzor*) - high holiday prayerbook

מזל טוב (*mazel tov*) - good luck; used to mean congratulations

מנחה (*minchah*) - afternoon service

מנהג (*minhag*) - custom

משפחה (*mishpachah*) - family

מצוות (*mitzvah*) - commandment; also used to refer to a good deed

מוツיא (*motzi*) - blessing over bread

מוסף (*musaf*) - additional service

נחם (*naches*) - pride (Yiddish)

עונג (*oneg*) - joy; the social hour following Shabbat services

עשה שלום (*oseb shalom*) - maker of peace; song sung to end services and meetings

פרשה (*parashah*) - weekly Torah portion (plural: *parashot*)

ראש השנה (*Rosh Hashanah*) - literally head of the year; Jewish New Year

שער זהב (*Sha'ar Zahav*) - Golden Gate

שבת שלום (*Shabbat Shalom*) - Sabbath peace

שחרית (*shacharit*) - morning service

שבינה (*shechinah*) - in-dwelling presence of God; God's feminine essence

שואה (*Shoah*) - the Holocaust

סידור (*siddur*) - prayerbook

טלית (*tallit/tallis*) - prayer shawl

תיקון עולם (*tikkun olam*) - repair of the world

תודה רבה (*todah rabah*) - thank you very much

צדקה (*tzedakah*) - righteous act; mitzvah of giving

ויעד (*va'ad*) - board

יאר צייט (*yahrzeit*) - anniversary of a death (Yiddish)

יום כיפור (*yom kippur*) - Day of Atonement

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- 1 Brian Ellis and Steve Farmer
- 12 Alex Ingersoll and David Stein
- 20 Hilary Zaid and Lauren Augusta
- 23 Steven Gaynes and Richard Bolingbroter
- 28 Bill Goldstein and Chris Archuleta

Naches

To **Lisa Hamburger** on her new position as Director for the Housing Services Department for the City of East Palo Alto.

To **Karen Segal** on her new position as Music and Band Teacher at Luther Burbank Middle School.

To **Phyllis and George Mintzer** on the marriage of their granddaughter, Tatia Oden to JB French.

To **Jay Davidson** on the publication of his book *Teach Your Children Well: A First Grade Teacher's Advice for Parents*.

To **Judith Wolfe and Jenny Hughes** on celebrating their 10th anniversary.

To **Susan Unger and Pam Erwin**, on celebrating their 10th anniversary.

To former member, **Lawney Baldwin**, who was recently elected to a three year term on the board of Congregation B'nai Sholom in Tennessee. He is the first openly gay board member in the congregation's ninety-seven year history.

Members' Yahrzeits

- 4 Frank Hyman
- 6 Jeffrey Miller
- 8 Duane Kearns Puryear
- 13 Clint Bigglestone
- 17 Rabbi Ben Marcus
- 18 Henry Mautner
- 24 Glenn Murray Miller
- 29 Michael Mohr

October Birthdays

- 2 Sharyn Saslafsky
- 3 Jonathan Fuchs
Miriam Heath Katz
- 4 L.E. de Rivaud
David Feinstein Shor
Richard Inlander
Mark Mackler
- 5 Benjamin Bernard-Herman
Howard Steiermann
- 6 Jenni Olson
- 7 Michael Zimmerman
- 8 Kate Adler
Marc Cohen
- 9 Mike Bromberg
Stephen Hauptman
Lida Pejman
- 11 Johanna Quashnofsky
- 12 Debra Chasnoff
Jeffrey Lilly
Beth Sousa
- 13 Anna Desmond Bernstein
David Gellman
Brian Jersky

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

- Caryn Aviv
- Hilda and Marvin Bernstein
- Hershey Hirschkop
- Eileen Lynette
- Kathryn McHenry,
Cynthia Navarro,
- Sophie and Mercedes Navarro
- Alison Moed
- Karen and Camila Rosen
- Susan and Joan Shalit
- Amy Shriber
- Neil Silverzweig
- Darah Wallstein

We are happy to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

- 14 Michael Bettinger
Sharon Tanenbaum
- 15 Tsipora Prochovnick
- 16 Bill Denebeim
Jo Hirschmann
Richard Meyerson
Anna Schwartz-Cohen
- 18 Steven Horowitz
- 19 Jonathan Katz
Lisa Lubchansky
- 20 Donald Berger
- 23 Roberta Achtenberg
Wanderson Carlos
Seth Charney
- 23 Ma'ayan Lieberman
Mark Miller
Shoshana Rosenfeld
- 24 Rachel MacLachlan
Jake Wirtschafter
- 25 Judith Cohen
Fran Frohlich
- 26 Ilana Bernstein
Clarissa Kripke
Sue Swigart
- 27 Bruce Henry
Josh Kosman
Rabbi Sanford Lowe
- 28 Rabbi Yoel Kahn
Rae Lorwick-Patt
Ilana Rainero-de Haan
- 29 Allan Berenstein
Pam Miller

Oneg & Flower Sponsorship

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat and/or flowers in recent weeks:

- 9/1 Oneg by **Al Baum** in honor of his milestone birthday.
- 9/1 Flowers by the **Rabbi Search Committee** in honor of the arrival of Rabbi Angel and her partner Karen Segal.
- 9/8 Oneg by **Tiela Chalmers and Miki Goralsky** in loving memory of their parents.

Special thanks to **David Maltz** who is generously sponsoring flowers for one service a month through the calendar year.